

**UNAPPROVED**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

PRESENT: Lou Ann Christensen Mayor  
Bruce Christensen Councilmember  
Scott Ericson Councilmember  
Reese Jensen Councilmember  
Ruth Jensen Councilmember  
Bob Marabella Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Boyce Leisure Services Director  
Mark Bradley City Planner  
Jim Buchanan Emergency Services Director  
Mary Kate Christensen City Recorder  
Blake Fannesbeck Public Works Director  
Paul Larsen Economic Development Director  
Mike Nelsen Police Lieutenant  
Jason Roberts Finance Director  
Alan Wright Public Power Director

Mayor Christensen called the meeting to order and gave the Reverence Period. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Christensen noted that on page 2, line 36 of the November 17, 2008 minutes it states "the parking lot for this building is not enough." He recommended it read, "the parking lot for this building is not *large* enough." Also, in the minutes of February 5, page 11, line 40, it states, "In the 11 years Mr. Marx has been the pro there have been 11 students receive golf scholarships." He suggested another "there" be added or a comma added. In the same minutes, Councilmember Marabella made the motion and also seconded the motion. He thought he seconded the motion. On page 14 of the same minutes, line 21, "collimated" should be "culminated." Councilmember Reese Jensen said in the work session minutes of November 17, 2008, page 5, line 14, what is written is not what he intended. It reads, "He felt that leasing a new building would be a more viable solution." He said the message he was giving was that he felt it was better to keep the City Offices centralized. Councilmember Christensen said in the February 5 minutes, page 11, line 40, it states that the ambulance Division is at 99%. He thought it was 74.6%. He asked Mr. Buchanan what it should be. Mr. Buchanan said it is at 93%. A motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2008 Work Session; December 4, 2008 Executive Session; January 15, 2009 City Council; January 29, 2009 City Council and Executive Session; February 5, 2009 City Council as amended was made by Councilmember Ericson. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mayor Christensen presented the agenda as follows:

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
CONSENT**

Appointments and Reappointments to the Volunteers in Police Service Council  
New Hire, Public Works  
Request to Write-off Accounts Due to Resident Taking Out Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collections

**SCHEDULED DELEGATION**

Disability Awareness Month

**NEW BUSINESS**

Request for Approval of Resolution Increasing Rate for Advanced Life Support Ambulance Rates for 2009

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Renewable Energy Study Presentation  
Request to Amend Budget to Include Revenues Received for NuTech Conference  
Discussion Regarding Requests for Proposal for Real Estate Consulting Services

**PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Amendment to Chapter 29.02 Definition and Chapter 29.09 Schedule of Uses  
Final Plat for the Maple Springs Subdivision Located at Approximately 1000 South Medical Drive  
Amendment to Chapter 29.13 Commercial Districts

**MAKING LIFE BETTER - DEPARTMENT REPORTS****CLAIMS**

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Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the agenda as read. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leon Hyde from Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Council - Mr. Hyde came forward and introduced members of the VIPS, Warren Roundy, Maryann Barnett, and Lt. Nelsen. Mr. Hyde said they would like to pay tribute to Arlene Wood, also a member of VIPS, who passed away from an accident on February 5, 2009. Ms. Wood was born in Brigham City but was reared in Hennifer by her grandparents because her mother died three weeks after she was born. She was a veteran of the Vietnam conflict and retired from the army in 1997. She returned to live in Brigham City to live with her cousin. She graduated from the Police Citizens Academy in 2004 at the age of 69. She joined the Citizens on Patrol and patrolled during Peach Days in 2005, 2006 and 2007. In 2006 she joined VIPS as a Corps Leader for the Mountain View District and she continued that until 2008 when she was 72. She had to resign because of her eyesight and she was concerned about not being able to walk well enough to patrol. Her responsibilities on the Council included contacting cop volunteers for patrol assignments for community events. He explained that each district has a cops coordinator that calls people that are assigned to them to make these assignments. If Arlene could not get people in her district for this assignment, she never called another contact person, she went to another list and kept calling until she filled the assignment. She enjoyed patrol assignments, especially Peach Days and high school sports. She would volunteer for the 9:00 to midnight patrol shift. Mr. Hyde said their association with her was for a very short period of time, but those who attended her funeral understand that what they knew of her was how she had been all her life. She was never married, but there were 20 of her family members in the hospital room with her. She taught them how to love others for what they are and not for what they think they should be, not to judge others and how to serve even in their senior years. She was a dedicated volunteer and loved living in Brigham City. Lt. Mike Nelsen said she was a great lady, she always had a smile on her face. He presented a plaque to her cousin in grateful appreciate for her great service in VIPS.

**CONSENT****Appointments and Reappointments to the Volunteers in Police Service Council**

It was recommended the following individuals be appointed or reappointed to the Volunteers in Police Service Council: Maryann Barnett (Chair); Leon Hyde (Vice Chair); Richie Orton (Neighborhood Watch Rep); Warren Roundy (Foothill East); Tyler Vincent (Citizens on Patrol Rep).

**New Hire, Public Works**

It was also recommended Jeremy Braegger be hired as an Equipment Operator I, Grade 38, effective March 9, 2009.

**Request to Write-off Accounts Due to Resident Taking Out Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collections**

A list of accounts totaling \$6,127.44 was presented to be removed from the City's system due to the customer taking out bankruptcy or being sent to collections.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Reese Jensen, seconded by Councilmember Marabella and unanimously carried.

**SCHEDULED DELEGATION****Disability Awareness Month**

Ms. Linda Sylvester came forward and said March is Disabilities Awareness Month and they would like to spotlight different people in town with disabilities. People with disabilities should honor their care givers and they would like them to do something really nice for their care givers. The Mayor read the proclamation declaring March Disability Awareness Month.

**NEW BUSINESS****Request for Approval of Resolution Increasing Rate for Advanced Life Support Ambulance Rates for 2009**

Mr. Buchanan came forward and explained that the state passed the interim rate increase changing the rates for advance life support intermediates. This resolution reflects not only the advanced life support increase to \$650, it also raises the deduction for residents of Brigham City so there is no cost to the residents. The increase will only affect the insurance companies and those that live outside of Brigham City.

MOTION: A motion to approve the resolution increasing the rate for advanced life support ambulance rates for 2009 was made by Councilmember Marabella and seconded by Councilmember Reese Jensen. The motion carried with the following vote:

Councilmember Christensen - aye

Councilmember Ericson - aye

Councilmember Reese Jensen - aye

Councilmember Ruth Jensen - aye

Councilmember Marabella - aye

**Renewable Energy Study Presentation**

Mr. Boyce gave a presentation on the research he did on renewable energy. He explained that the City's energy future is tied in with North America's power grid. North America's power grid is an interconnected single machine. If something happens anywhere along that grid, it has a potential impact to Brigham City. Stockholder utilities (Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) and PacificCorp) supply 73% of power users in North America; 12% is provided by cooperatives, such as Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS); 15% is received from government agencies, such as Brigham City. This means that Brigham City, with 8,000+ accounts really has no purchase leverage to purchase power and to negotiate for power.

Mr. Boyce said one of the fundamentals of electricity is that it cannot be stored or saved; it is either on or off.

Deregulation in 1999 made power a commodity instead of a regulated monopoly or service. This created independent businesses for generation, transmission and distribution. This is why power rates are so volatile and why power costs more in some areas than others.

Another factor is that fossil fuel generates more than 50% of electricity people depend on today. Most of that is coal fire and some oil fire. The rest comes from hydroelectric and nuclear. Less than 5% comes from "green" sources.

1 Through his research, Mr. Boyce determined that Brigham City needs to continue economical energy, meet  
2 current energy regulations, and prepare to meet upcoming environmental requirements on the state and  
3 federal level by creating and adopting an energy policy focused on renewable energy resources.

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5 Mr. Boyce did not recommend that the City invest in fossil fuel electrical production in the future. There are  
6 some coal fired plants that are being proposed in Utah and Wyoming, but he did not recommend that these  
7 be pursued as options to acquire additional power capacity.

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9 The City recently signed a contract with PacifiCorp with phased pricing increases to keep Brigham City in line  
10 with PacifiCorp's current price structure. This is still lower than what the open market power purchase is. He  
11 recommended the City avoid open market power purchases if it ever comes to that point. Under the current  
12 contract, this is not likely to happen. The City needs to be prepared to never have to go to the open market.  
13 There is a 7-year window with this contract to develop an energy policy that would benefit the community.

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15 One of the power factors the City has to deal with is the 20-Year Master Electric Plan adopted by the City. This  
16 is critical to the long term power and energy needs of the community.

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18 Other factors include energy acts and policies. These are at a state of flux. With the new president and new  
19 energy policies, they have not been clearly defined at this time. Another consideration is that the State of Utah  
20 has passed the Bramble Initiative. This is not a mandated law, but it establishes requirements for municipal  
21 utilities to report to the City Council and also has a goal to have 20% power capacity within a utility to be green  
22 energy. If it can't be done under the current initiative, it isn't required, but it is a goal. It is rumored that over  
23 the next few years it will become a mandate. California has already mandated green energy. Almost 30% of  
24 their power has to be green. That is why California is getting a lot of their power from Utah.

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26 Utah joined the Western Climate Initiative after the fact. This is a consortium of the Western United States  
27 and Western Canada. The governors and political leaders have gotten together to define energy policy to be  
28 more proactive. This initiative has already caused a ripple effect, primarily from California. All of the power  
29 generated from the wind farm in Fillmore goes to California. The power from Spanish Fork Canyon all goes  
30 to California. Over 65% of the power from the Renaissance Geothermal Plant from the Shoshone Nation has  
31 already been purchased by California. This initiative is going to have an impact on Brigham City.

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33 One of the big factors the City has to look at is how to fund green energy. The bulk of what is seen in green  
34 energy involves private partnerships with public entities. Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBS) is available  
35 through Congress. This has been re-initiated at a higher amount. These are basically no interest bonds that  
36 give municipalities the same breaks as a private energy.

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38 Another upcoming factor is the carbon market. This is being pursued by states on the Eastern Seaboard  
39 because most of their power is fossil fuel. It is the hope that the carbon market will stay regional because  
40 when it becomes a commodity, it will have an impact back to the consumer. If it goes nation wide, the Western  
41 States will be paying for the problems on the East Coast.

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43 Wind energy is a popular green energy. In order to make a feasible commercial or private wind farm there  
44 needs to be a capacity factor of 30%-35%. This means the wind has to be enough to make the turbines  
45 operate 30-35%. It is really not possible to be total wind power. When it's on it's on and when it's off there has  
46 to be a back up energy, which is fossil fuel. Also with wind energy, there is utility sized wind and small wind,  
47 which is something a homeowner can put on his own lot. Wind farm partnerships are very popular right now.  
48 Brigham City and UAMPS have been exploring the possibility of going into a wind farm in Idaho. A big issue  
49 with wind energy is "not in my backyard" (NIMBY). The project at the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon was  
50 almost killed by the residents of the community because they did not want it next to where they were living.  
51 Another concern is the life of the turbines, which is 20-30 years.

Solar power is another option for green power. There is new technology for solar paneling that is bringing the price down to a price parity for power. When Mr. Boyce started his research for this report it was 75% more expensive for solar than fossil fuel. But since that time it has gone down. As solar power becomes more and more user friendly and easier to manage, it will be something the City should seriously look at. As long as the sun shines it is an inexhaustible source. It also works on cloudy days. Solar can either be utility sized projects or small projects on homes or businesses. St. George, in partnership with the Dixie Escalante Power Company has built a sun farm. This allows residents of the community to buy 19 years of time on panels. They can pay either \$3,000 or \$6,000 and at year nine of 19 years, their investment returns and the next ten years the energy for the home costs the homeowner nothing. The sun farm contains all the devices needed and the homeowner does not have to have anything on their home and are not responsible for any of the upkeep. It is all taken care of as part of the partnership.

Geothermal generation is a proven worldwide technology and has been in existence for over 50 years. It is consistently available and is considered to be the best long-term investment for green energy because it is always available. In Utah, geothermal generation costs are higher than the Utah market, which is why it is not used much here. Although in Box Elder County the Shoshone Renaissance site in Honeyville, Crystal Hot Springs, Stinkey Springs and by Smith & Edwards are all potential sites for geothermal development. The Shoshone Renaissance is just starting, they have not even started drilling yet. However, Riverside, California wants the generation from this project, but they did not buy the entire capacity so this is something Brigham City could look at for the future.

In spite of the bad publicity, nuclear energy is proven and safe. However, there are no existing or proposed plants for Brigham City to invest in, and it is not something the City could do on its own. In addition, the permitting and construction time does not fit within the time line.

Biomass energy is energy from garbage and agricultural. Decay of organic waste creates methane gas, which can then be used as a heat source to turn turbines to generate energy. Annual biomass availability is almost limitless. It requires more preparation and handling. Livestock produces 22% of the methane annually. Methane is one of the greenhouse gasses that people are against. Six percent of that 22% comes from cow flatulence and belches.

There is a big natural gas generation plant in Payson. Logan also has natural gas generation and Santa Clara and Hurricane in Southern Utah have put in gas generation to keep them off the open market. The cost savings for natural gas are dramatic. However, it is not green energy but can be turned on and off as needed, and instantly. Mr. Boyce said natural gas should be considered for the City because of the availability of the Questar pipeline and the future Ruby Pipeline access.

Mr. Boyce said the market volatility, the advancing technology, the looming mandatory standards, and the financial concerns facing energy, make energy expansion a moving target. Drafting policy means that the City must be fiscally responsible, flexible and meet the needs and best interests of the citizens. After his research, Mr. Boyce had the following recommendations:

1. The energy policy should be for the citizens of Brigham City. Their input and buy-in to the energy mandate of the City in the future is key because they fund it.
2. The 20-year Master Electrical Plan needs to be consistently and annually funded to protect the existing infrastructure, provide for current customers and build sufficient facilities to handle growth. The electrical system must be funded.
3. Must meet the requirements of the Bramble Initiative and prepare for it to become mandatory. He recommended this Initiative be sent to the City Attorney's Office to determine what new ordinances are required to be in compliance.

4. The Community Development Division needs to develop zoning and land use planning to allow renewable energy projects to be sited in the City. The City should be ready to evaluate a project when it is submitted, not delay the project while research for ordinances is being done.
5. Need to establish ordinances and regulations that allow customers to install wind or solar systems on their property with net metering. Net metering is a concept that when a resident is producing energy on their property they do not have to pay for what they are producing themselves. If excess is produced on their property, the net metering allows it to go back on the grid and the resident gets credit for it. The renewable energy credits from net metering should belong to Brigham City. This would help the City meet the 20% green credit for the future. He added that only green energy projects from 1996 forward count against the Bramble Initiative. Currently, 30% of the energy in Brigham City is green, but it doesn't count toward that 20%.
6. Develop a renewable energy billing system similar to the "Blue Sky" program. With this program, if a resident puts in green energy, the rate payer can buy into it at a higher rate. If they choose to pay more to have green energy, the Blue Sky program is a motto they can follow. Partner with energy developers similar to the St. George Sun Smart Program.
7. Conduct a feasibility study on powering City facilities with solar, wind or biomass generation specific to each site, such as solar panels on roof tops and small wind turbines. This would reduce Brigham City Corporation's power bill and generate renewable energy credit. If City Hall had some kind of green energy, it would produce energy on weekends that could go out on the grid.
8. Engage a professional consultant to evaluate the most fiscally responsive course of action. Need to evaluate green energy, what it costs and how to add it to the City's portfolio. A reliable cost/benefit analysis is needed so going green is an advantage not a detriment. There have been some projects where some green projects cost more than it saved.
9. Look at the feasibility of natural gas generation for back up energy to meet emergency needs or to offset potential market fluctuations. This will not create energy credit, but the access to Questar and Ruby Pipeline make it something that needs to be explored.
10. Maintain a positive relationship with RMP and PacifiCorp so purchase contracts are favorable to our customers. Need to continue to be proactive with UAMPS. Also need to develop new public and private sector partnerships as available.

Mr. Boyce concluded that the energy policy of Brigham City is as critical an issue as the development of water resources was in Mantua 50 years ago. The City should seek professional consultation to provide significant and sufficient data to chart the energy policy for the next 50 years. This is something that really needs to be done. He recommended that in the upcoming budget the City Council look for a direction of plan and a place to go, and the City needs to start thinking green. He said this is not a penalty, it is an opportunity.

**Request to Amend Budget to Include Revenues Received for NuTech Conference**

Mr. Larsen approached the Council and explained that the NuTech Conference was held in October 2008. They had a number of grants and sponsorships, which are just now starting to come in. The expenditures were taken from an Economic Development line item.

MOTION: Councilmember Christensen moved to amend the budget to include the revenues received for the NuTech Conference, seconded by Councilmember Reese Jensen. Voting was unanimous with the following vote:

Councilmember Christensen - aye  
Councilmember Ericson - aye  
Councilmember Reese Jensen - aye  
Councilmember Ruth Jensen - aye  
Councilmember Marabella - aye

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**Discussion Regarding Requests for Proposal for Real Estate Consulting Services**

Mr. Larsen explained that the City occasionally has property issues and it was suggested that it would be helpful to have the services of a real estate professional. This RFP would request proposals from real estate professionals.

Councilmember Reese Jensen suggested something be added to eliminate or avoid a conflict of interest. Mr. Larsen said something could be added to the Statement of Purpose section or Minimum Qualification section indicating that any proposal should address how they expect to deal with conflicts of interest.

Councilmember Marabella said under the Minimum Qualification section it lists certifications required. He said these are all nice certifications to have; however, after being in the business for over two years he realized that these have no impact dealing with clients. These certificates are obtained by attending a class and he did not feel they make someone more qualified or less qualified. There are basic requirements to get a license - 90 hours to be a real estate agent and 120 hours to be a broker. The most important component beyond that is how much experience the person has. He added that there is only one person that he is aware of that has the CCIM certificate. This could be so restrictive that no one will qualify. He suggested the committee look at this.

Councilmember Reese Jensen expressed concern with the statement that "membership in the Brigham Tremonton Board of Realtors preferred." He felt it should be required.

MOTION: Councilmember Ericson made a motion to send this back to the committee to modify the areas of concern and bring it back to the Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruth Jensen. The motion carried with the following vote:

Councilmember Christensen - aye  
Councilmember Ericson - aye  
Councilmember Reese Jensen - aye  
Councilmember Ruth Jensen - aye  
Councilmember Marabella - aye

**PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**Amendment to Chapter 29.02 Definitions and Chapter 29.09 Schedule of Uses**

Mr. Mark Bradley came forward and explained that the proposed new definitions are intended to modernize and update some of the use categories and some of the definitions are being modified. The amendment removes Chapter 29.09, Schedule of Uses from the Title because of uses that conflict with various districts throughout the Title. This will be brought back sometime in the future.

Councilmember Christensen noted that the definition of "Depository Institution" states "A bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, industrial bank, credit union, or other institution...." He explained that years ago "bank" meant "a bank," that's all there was. Now "bank" can mean a savings and loan, savings bank, industrial, credit unions or ILC. He suggested changing the definition to "Commercial Bank" for both the definition of Depository Institution and Nondepository Institution.

MOTION: Councilmember Marabella made a motion to approve the amendment to Chapter 29.02 Definitions and Chapter 29.09 Schedule of Uses as amended by Councilmember Christensen. The motion was seconded Councilmember Christensen. Councilmember Ruth Jensen noted that homeless shelters are currently allowed as a non-permitted use in a Commercial Zone, but are a permitted use in residential, rural and agricultural zones. Mr. Bradley said this can be discussed during the discussion on Chapter 29.13 below.

Councilmember Christensen - aye  
Councilmember Ericson - aye

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Councilmember Reese Jensen - aye  
Councilmember Ruth Jensen - aye  
Councilmember Marabella - aye

**Final Plat for the Maple Springs Subdivision Located at Approximately 1000 South Medical Drive**

Mr. Bradley explained that this is the four-lot commercial subdivision south of the hospital. The subdivision has been approved by the City Attorney and has an escrow.

MOTION: Councilmember Ericson made a motion to approve the final plat for the Maple Springs Subdivision located at approximately 1000 South Medical Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen.

Councilmember Christensen - aye  
Councilmember Ericson - aye  
Councilmember Reese Jensen - aye  
Councilmember Ruth Jensen - aye  
Councilmember Marabella - aye

**Amendment to Chapter 29.13 Commercial Districts**

Mr. Bradley explained that the purpose of this amendment is to look at a realistic view of the existing uses within the City's Commercial District. Many are outdated and some do not belong in some of the zones. Storage units are one that is being proposed to be removed from the commercial districts and be located primarily in industrial zones. In an effort to reduce conditional uses, they looked at combining information on auto dealerships to allow the sale of various recreational vehicles, trucks, etc. and also identified minimum parcel size. In addition, terminology was modernized, and a standard was set for multi-family dwellings in order to protect prime commercial areas. It also identifies standards for price point retail establishments, such as dollar stores, pawn shops and nondepository institutions. It also incorporates some protection language for commercial adjacent to residential and some landscaping standards, and also made reference to the design guidelines.

In reference to Councilmember Ruth Jensen's comments, the Planning Commission discussed support care facilities and homeless shelters was brought up and discussed. Through the research it was found that a lot of communities are identifying some uses as a non-permitted use throughout their community. Mr. Bradley called Mr. Church from the Utah League of Cities and Towns to see if this was legal. Mr. Church told him that there are some uses that cities do not have to allow. An option is to have homeless shelters as a non-permitted use in the General Commercial and Central Business District. Currently, homeless shelters are a conditional use in the agricultural zones, rural residential and all residential zones. Assisted living centers, residential facilities for elderly persons and disabilities are a permitted use in all residential and commercial zones. Juvenile detention, correctional facilities, daycare facilities, boarding houses are a permitted use. According to Mr. Church, these can all be non-permitted uses. The Planning Commission struggled with this, concerned that Brigham City not be portrayed as non-friendly; however, they were also concerned that other cities will be pushing them to Brigham City. It is a very sensitive issue. Mayor Christensen noted that both Logan and Ogden have homeless shelters. She expressed concern with whether Brigham City has the kind of services needed for a homeless shelter. The Soup Kitchen is only open one day a week. Usually larger communities can provide those services for the homeless. Councilmember Ruth Jensen said it is a nationwide problem. Hawaii is having problems with homeless people and are giving them a one-way ticket to leave. Salt Lake City is installing cameras in Pioneer Park and cracking down on the homeless. Her concern is if Brigham City doesn't have an ordinance in place, there will be an influx of homeless people coming here. Councilmember Ericson said if it is taken out as a conditional use, it would not prevent someone that wants to put in a homeless facility to petition the Council.

Councilmember Ericson noted that under Recreation and Entertainment, dance halls have been crossed off. He asked if the City will be criticized by not allowing that in a CBD zone when the City owns such a facility. Mr.

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Bradley said there are a lot of different meanings for dance halls, so they felt it would be better to strike that. There is social hall and reception centers listed. They felt dance hall could be categorized under social hall. The Planning Commission also felt that dance studios did not belong in the CDB.

MOTION: Councilmember Ericson made a motion to accept the amendments to Chapter 29.13, Commercial Districts, and requested that staff make recommendations on the other items that were not addressed and bring it back to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen.

Councilmember Christensen - aye

Councilmember Ericson - aye

Councilmember Reese Jensen - aye

Councilmember Ruth Jensen - aye

Councilmember Marabella - aye

### **MAKING LIFE BETTER - DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mr. Wright came forward and reviewed some of the projects the Power Department has been working on.

- ◆ Upgrades to the power at Box Elder High School. They went in early so they could do it before all the frost and snow. They completed all the conduit and wiring. The transformers are not set yet because they are not ready for them. They are installing two more services and will probably have three services until the school is complete.
- ◆ They are about 98% complete on Discovery Cove Subdivision. He received a call from a contractor who wants to rent the entire complex, so they will need to finish this.
- ◆ They serviced power to Mantua January 12 - February 3.
- ◆ There is still a problem with one of the two major transformers at the substation. There is a small leak and they don't want to open it up until there is better weather.
- ◆ They did a service upgrade on the north wing of the hospital from 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. to put it back in service. It had to be up and functioning by 5:00 a.m.
- ◆ Installed a street light at 300 North and Main.
- ◆ Added spotlights to the power poles in the back of the courthouse.
- ◆ During the last snow storm there was only one outage, which was at the Bird Refuge. Freezing ice on the lines tripped the junction.

### **CLAIMS**

#### **Payment Register**

Councilmember Christensen moved to approve General Claims dated January 31, 2009 totaling \$300,853.15; for January 11 in the amount of \$101,835.07; for January 18, \$1,408,616.25. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion to adjourn to an Executive Session was made by Councilmember Marabella. A roll call vote was taken in which all councilmembers voted aye. The meeting adjourned to an executive session at 8:55 p.m.